

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 23, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski, Joseph Cuddemi and James Cleary were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

By invitation, Water/Sewer Commissioners Glenn Wilson and David Desaulniers met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- The need to notify the Fire Chief and Town Hall administration in advance of planned hydrant flushing.
- The recent installation of a fire and security alarm system at the water pump house at a cost of approximately \$1,000.
- The planned installation of a telephone at the water pump house to monitor the alarm system as well as provide a basic need in the event of an emergency.
- Unusually high usage of propane at the water pump house. Commissioner Wilson reported that the regulator is leaking.
- The water leak somewhere along the line serving the Old Stagecoach Road cemeteries has expanded to the point where 40,000 gallons of water is being lost each day. Since the water line originates on Route 47 and crosses through fields to Old Stagecoach Road it is a difficult task to pinpoint the leak. The Commissioners voted to discontinue water at the cemeteries after the Memorial Day holiday and advertise its discontinuance so the public will know to bring water with them when tending to their floral plants.

Fire Chief Michael Roina met with the Selectmen to discuss the Fire Department Payroll Policy. The Selectmen agreed that there should not be a one hour designation for truck check duties since personnel are likely to undertake other Fire Department duties/tasks while at the Station. A draft revision will be reviewed at the Board's June 6, 2012 meeting.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's May 16, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the May 23, 2012 Payroll Register.
- Approved the content of a draft letter to the owner of M7/L118.
- Heard a report that the owner of M17/L22 has been delayed in responding to the Selectmen's invitation to meet due to their out-of-state employment.
- Approved the Bennington Historical Society's request to include information in the Town's newsletter.
- Selectmen Cuddemi and Administrator French reviewed their meeting with Antrim and NHDOT Officials earlier in the day when the Antrim/Bennington bridge project was discussed.
- Upon recommendation of NHDOT and the engineers for the Antrim/Bennington bridge project (Quantum Construction Consultants) the Selectmen voted to reverse their prior decision to build the second phase of the downtown project in 2013 which would correlate with the bridge construction project. The Board voted to move the downtown improvement construction project to 2014 to avoid unnecessary hardship for those motorists who must seek alternative travel routes while the Antrim/Bennington bridge is closed from April through November 2013.
- Signed were a Timber Tax Levy for M6/L2, and Intent to Cut for M15/L6 and a Petition and Pole License.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French, Town Administrator